

# WELCOME PACKET

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## Rooted & Rising

### BETA CLUB

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As the largest, independent, educational youth organization in America, National Beta emphasizes our four pillars by providing opportunities and experiences to impact our members, their schools, and communities across the world.

Academic Achievement

Character

Leadership

Service

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### A History of Leading By Example

**Dr. John West Harris, a small-town farm boy turned wartime flying instructor, led the life of both an adventurer and scholar. Dr. Harris was a lauded proponent of education with A.B. and M.A. degrees from Wofford College, a Ph.D. from The University of North Carolina, a membership in Phi Beta Kappa and a year's attendance at Columbia University Law School. His joy of learning led to a joy of teaching- both inside and outside of the classroom, stressing that academics and life experiences were equally valuable for personal and professional success. A well-rounded individual himself, Dr. Harris was the epitome of "lead by example".**

**In 1934, the dream became a reality with the establishment of National Beta, a national organization devoted to honoring and recognizing students for their achievement, character and leadership qualities, as well as encouraging growth through service and comradery. From the first club of 15 members at Landrum High School in Landrum, SC to an international student organization with 500,000 members annually, National Beta has grown in size, but its focus, and values have held steadfast and true to the vision which Dr. Harris set forth.**



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### ELEMENTARY BETA 4TH-5TH

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**Big Impact. Small Leaders. Boundless Energy.**

**National Beta Elementary Division**

**Grades 4-5**

**Welcome to the spark of something extraordinary. At the Elementary level, National Beta gives students their first real taste of leadership, service, and achievement—through hands-on experiences tailored just for them. It's a high-energy, high-impact opportunity that most students their age simply don't get.**

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### JR. BETA 6TH–8TH

National Beta Junior Division

Grades 6–8

**Middle school is a turning point—socially, emotionally, and academically. Junior Beta meets students where they are and helps them rise, with purpose and pride. It's more than a club, it's a launchpad for leaders in the making.**

#### For Students

- Lead in Your Own Way
- Whether you're the speaker, the planner, the helper, or the idea-generator—Beta gives you a seat at the table.
- Build Skills That Stick
- Collaboration, creativity, time management, decision-making—these aren't just school skills. They're life skills, and you'll grow them here.
- Find Your People
- Connect with peers who care about the world, their school, and doing the right thing.
- Step Into the Spotlight
- From regional to national competitions, Beta lets you challenge yourself and shine



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### **SR. BETA 9TH–12TH**

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**Lead with Purpose. Serve with Heart. Stand Out for Life.**

#### **National Beta Senior Division Grades 9–12**

**In high school, everything starts to count—and Senior Beta ensures that what counts most are the values you lead with. From service to scholarships, Beta elevates the high school experience with a foundation that lasts long after graduation.**

#### **For Students**

- **Make It Matter**
- **You're already leading. Now do it with intention—and a national organization backing your growth.**
- **Show Colleges Who You Are**
- **Service hours. Leadership roles. National competitions. Beta makes your story stand out.**
- **Build Real-World Skills**
- **Public speaking. Planning. Networking. Beta helps you thrive now—and wherever you go next.**
- **Be the Change**
- **Through Beta-led projects, you'll create real impact in your school, community, and beyond.**





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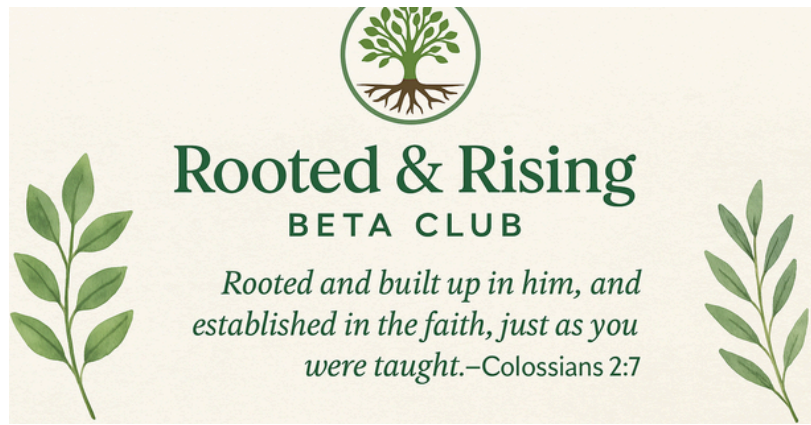
## **For Parents & Guardians**

### **You Are Vital To Student Success**

Being a National Beta parent or guardian means encouraging your child to actively participate in National Beta activities. We are so thankful for the support you provide to the National Beta community. We encourage you to praise their efforts, acknowledge their achievements, and express pride in their dedication.

### **Every Club is Unique**

Each National Beta club may have its own guidelines and requirements for parent involvement. It is important to communicate with your club's sponsor and club leadership to understand any specific opportunities available for parents or guardians.



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## **Engage with National Beta and Your Student**

Here are several ways parents can engage with National Beta.

- Stay Informed – We encourage parents and guardians to familiarize themselves with the National Beta Club’s mission, objectives, and activities.
- Encourage Membership
- Volunteer as a Chaperone
- Assist with Fundraising
- Provide Transportation
- Share Professional Expertise
- Attend Meetings and Events
- Support Community Service Projects
- Advocate for National Beta
- Stay Connected

## **How Your Student Can Join a Club**

The sponsor will reach out during the year to all students who meet the club’s criteria to invite them to join. Check out our Club Directory to see all the schools with National Beta. You can contact our office if you have questions about your school’s club or sponsor.

**Contact Us**

**1-800-845-8281**



## **All National Beta members receive the following:**

Certificate of Membership

Membership Card

Lapel Pin

Diploma seal for 12th grade Betas

Opportunities to attend various school, state, and national events

Ability to apply for a National Beta Scholarship as a graduating senior

### **Membership Fees**

At the time of your induction into your school's club, you will be asked to pay a one-time fee (Initiation Fee). We will have additional, local fees to assist with various club operations, but the national fee for each student is as follows:

Elementary Beta: 4th-5th grade; \$16

Junior Beta: 6th-8th grade; \$24

Senior Beta: 9th-12th grade; \$32

### **Events and Opportunities for Members**

Along with community service, we encourage clubs to participate in the events and opportunities our organization provides exclusively for current Members.

Impact your local community through your club's activities

Connect with other Betas in your state at State Convention

Get to know the National Beta community at National Convention

Expand Leadership Skills with Leadership Summits

Enhance your future with National Beta Scholarships

# Save the Date:

## Sate Convention 2026

**(State) For Senior Beta (Grades 9-12)**

Elementary January 7-9, 2026

Junior January 7-9, 2026

Senior January 9-10, 2026

Where: Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Orlando, FL

**Registration Deadline: Monday, December 1, 2025, at 5 PM**

### *Nationals 2026*

Elementary 6/21/26-6/23/26

Junior 6/23/26-6/27/26

Senior 6/16/26-6/20/26

Where: Gaylord Opryland Resort and  
Convention Center in Nashville, TN.

The National Beta Club has announced that the theme for the 2025-2026 school year, including the 2026 National Convention, is "**Wired for Success**". This theme encourages members to explore their unique strengths and talents, focusing on how they are individually "wired" for achievement, leadership, service, and character.

# **Save the Date:**

## **Sate Convention 2026**

**Regional Leadership Summits**

**Dates: TBD September 2025 in PCB, FL.**

**Leadership, Learning, & Laughter All Together**

**Leadership Summits are the perfect outlet for Betas to experience dedicated leadership training while networking with other members and learning more about themselves.**

**Level Up Leadership Skills**

**Open to all National Beta Divisions**

**Interact with Keynote Speakers**

**Participate in Various Challenges**

**Interview to become a Leadership Representative**

**Opportunity to Qualify for National Convention**

**All National Beta Leadership Summits Include:**

- **Multi-day leadership training**
- **Hands-on Beta training with National Staff**
- **Collaborative team challenges**
- **Networking opportunities for sponsors and members**